

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of February 9, 2005.

It is respectfully submitted that this amendment will require neither a new search nor substantial reconsideration.

The Office Action rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Kashima reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,939,451). The Office Action stated that Claims 2-6 were allowable.

Claim 1 has been rewritten with the language of Claim 2 thereby obviating the prior art rejection and placing all claims in immediate condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of the claims, to enter this amendment, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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